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Romans 8:31

“For or Against Us?”



What shall we then
say to these things?
If God be for us, who
can be against us?

This is another commonly
misapplied Bible passage
used to pump people up—
to make them feel oh,
so good.

People are deceived
concerning this passage
when they do not read, or
quote, verses prior
to this single verse in order
to learn to what
“these things” refer.

Many exclude the first part
of the verse altogether, and

begin by saying, “If God
be for us...”

They don't even address,
the words, “**these things**”
so they really miss the
entire meaning of the verse.

Exactly what is being
spoken of concerning
God being “for us”?

Is it saying we will never
experience adversity in life
because God is “for us”, as in,
God is on our side and we
are, therefore, exempt from
hardship?

Does it mean we can do anything we want, with no harmful consequences, because God is “for us”—God allows us to get away with things for which others would be punished?

Beginning with verse 18 of this 8th chapter, let’s look at phrases which give us a glimpse into the meaning of “these things” as used here:

“...delivered from the bondage of corruption”, and
“...the Spirit helpeth our

infirmities”, and, “...the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us... maketh intercession for the saints...”

From those snippets, alone, we see that Romans 8:17 has nothing, whatever, to do with avoiding problems or with brazenly practicing ungodliness without expecting consequences.

So, what are “these things” that apply to God being for

us and nothing being
against us?

In short, the passage
deals with the work of
the Spirit. It's saying,
because of what the
Spirit is doing, God is
“for us”, and no effort
“against us” is
eternally effective.